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People of Bryan County Must Now Prepare For The Fourth Liberty Loan

ADVISING THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN FURNISHED ALL KINDS OF DATA AND THAT EVERY EFFORT HAD BEEN UTILIZED TO GET THEM TO REALIZE JUST HOW SERIOUS THE SITUATION CONFRONTING THIS SECTION REALLY IS.

Mr. Hoopes stated in his letter that he had just returned from western and central Texas, and that the people out there had no more crops than are on the main streets of Durant, and that they haven't had any crops for three years. Farmers are leaving there in droves. Thousands of people there haven't even enough to eat, nor even enough water to drink.

It doesn't take a very vivid imagination to realize that it will be practically impossible to get any subscriptions from those sections.

Mrs. Hoopes stated that Judge Ramsey of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank had been to Washington once and that he had been twice to present to the Treasury officials these facts, that the quotas of these districts might be made as light as possible because of conditions.

These things are mentioned that our people may know that whatever quota is assigned to Bryan county will be just and equitable, and that as a section which is so much more blessed than other sections of the country it will be the duty of the citizens of our county to subscribe for whatever amount of bonds may be assigned to the county.

Chairman Davis stated to a News representative this week that he had presented the facts concerning crop conditions in Bryan county to the Federal Reserve Bank, that our county might get a quota which could be raised, a sit would break

his heart to see a quota assigned to us that it would be a physical impossibility to raise, for he did not want to see a people as willing and patriotic as ours unnecessarily humiliated in this great cause.

But he also said that it was necessary for our people to realize that the Fourth Liberty Loan was going to be at least double what the second and third issues were, and that this being the case, even though the Government took into consideration our poor crop conditions, he felt sure it would be necessary to give Bryan county a quota which would look big to us because of this very fact.

This being the case, it will be up to all of us when the next drive comes, and when our quota is announced, to roll up our sleeves and go to work to raise it. And it will be necessary for the non-workers to dig deeper into their pockets than they have ever done that they may do their part, their duty, in helping to win the war.

So far there is hardly a citizen in Bryan county who has helped the war in a financial way who has dug down into his pockets until it "hurt." Some may think they have, but if they will be fair with themselves, with their own consciences and with the country which has given them all they have, and is now fighting to protect all they have, they will take a careful inventory, they will realize that this statement is true.

We believe that every citizen who will stop and take this personal inventory will agree with us that the first and second loans, in large measure, came from the surplus wealth, both of their own and of all the people. The last loan, in many instances, did come to the displacement of luxuries. But so far as really subscribing until it hurts, very few of us have done this.

We all still have our automobiles, and still ride in them. We are still wearing as good clothes as we ever did. We all have just as good food to eat and as much as we ever did. In fact, we haven't sacrificed hardly a thing. We honestly believe it would be hard to find even a baker's dozen of men in Bryan county who have gone without things because of their past subscriptions to Liberty Loans.

This being true, our statement that we haven't dug until it hurts is certainly true. If all of us will stop and think of the privations and sacrifices that the people of Belgium and of France have suffered and made, most of us, deep down in our hearts, will blush with shame for not doing more than we have.

And this is the way we must feel when the drive for the Fourth Liberty Loan comes around. We must remember that we haven't so far done our part. In fact, we haven't begun to do it. Think of the people of Belgium. Everything they have in the world has been swept away by the beastly hordes of Huns. Not only all their property, but that which all true men hold dearest—their families, their honor, and they themselves—have been made to suffer atrocities that are hard for the mind of man to conceive of.

Then there are people of France, who have suffered privations it is impossible for us in our land of plenty to imagine, and who still go about the business of winning the war with smiles on their faces, and are making still greater sacrifices.

So if we are true and loyal Americans, if we really believe in the principles for which our Government is fighting, if we are not clodhoppers and parasites who want to enjoy the benefits of our Government without paying for them, we will be willing to make whatever sacrifices are necessary, we will be willing to do our full share in raising whatever quota is assigned to our county.

This Fourth Liberty Loan is going to mean SACRIFICE. It will mean that many of us will have to go without many things which many of us formerly considered necessities. But everyone of us should be willing to do this and should now begin to take serious counsel with ourselves in regard to our own individual duty in subscribing our personal quota on this next Liberty Loan.

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TO RELATIVES OF MEN IN THE SERVICE

The News desires to print each week, if the information can be obtained, the names and home addresses of all Bryan county boys known to have safely arrived overseas. There's no source of information other than that of the boys' relatives who will hear from him upon his arrival. If friends or relatives of all such, upon advice, will send to the Durant Weekly News, Durant, Okla., the name and home address of the young men, same will be printed in a column set aside for the purpose.

The Editor.

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PERSONS WHO CAN GET WOOD CAN'T BUY COAL

Fuel Administrator P. A. Norris has notified coal dealers not to sell to any persons who have easy access to wood for domestic purposes. The reason assigned for the order is the immense and increasing needs for coal for use of the Government.

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THREE MEN FOR LIMITED SERVICE

The local board received a call on Wednesday of this week for three men qualified for limited military service to go to Camp Bowie between September 3 and 7. The men to fill the call have not been selected.

WEEK'S FIGHTING ALL IN FAVOR OF ALLIES

The week's fighting has favored the Allies at every turn, and each day comes reports of prisoners and supplies taken on and ground gained in big strides. Wednesday's fighting in the south end of the fighting salient held by the French resulted in the taking of Laasieny and bringing the French armament to the city of Noyen, pinching off a bit more of the German end of the line. The tendency here has been to work east and north, pushing the lines in farther, and the enemy before them.

In a corresponding fashion, British and American lines operating on the north end of the fighting salient have made gains to the eastward, and south, pinching off that end of German defense, the entire offensive assuming a sort of enveloping move calculated to shorten the allied lines and get the Germans inside the arc. General Byng, commanding the British armies, made substantial gains on Wednesday, and took lots of ground on a ten-mile front. He reported his performance of early in the year when he advanced on Cambrai, and his tanks, covered by fog, took the enemy by surprise, and the first impact carried him back to the railroad between Albert and Arras.

That Lord Underhill, who commands the Germans, fears revolt at home, is evidenced by his order that all soldiers on leave be searched for hidden weapons. There are numerous reports of subordinates rebelling and of dissatisfied soldiers inciting crowds to violence at home.

(Additional war news on Page Nine.)

September Call Exhausts Class 1

Bryan County Has Only Fifty White Men and Twenty Negroes Qualified for General Service; New Call Will Clean the Class.

According to the local exemption board, the September call for men will completely strip Bryan county of Class 1 men who are qualified for general military service, including the 1918 registrants who registered last June 5. Robt. T. Stinson, secretary of the board, informed the News yesterday that while no instructions had been received for Bryan county's quota of the 4,794 men to be furnished by Oklahoma between September 1 and 6, he was positive that it would be for all of Class 1. This class he says now contains fifty white men and twenty negroes qualified for general military service.

Call for a total of 4,794 from Oklahoma for military service for enlistment during the period from September 1 to 6 were received from the War Department by Adjutant General Gipson Tuesday. This includes both white and colored, the major portion of the quota being made up of the former. This will practically exhaust all Class 1 men of the 1917 and 1918 registrations, and will leave only 841 men in the State available for any contingency until the 15 to 15 men are registered in September.

A telegram received by the board indicates that the men will entrain some time between the third and seventh of September. The message from Adjutant General Gipson is as follows:

"Oklahoma City, Aug. 20, 1918. Local Board, Bryan County, Durant, Oklahoma.

"Call for September received today. It will take practically every Class one man of the 1917 and 1918 classes, according to Class one reports from local boards of

ALL NEW 21-YEAR-OLDS REGISTER SATURDAY

Under President Wilson's proclamation and Provost Marshal General Crowder's instructions, every man in Bryan county who has reached his twenty-first birthday since June 5th, this year, must present himself to the Local Board of Bryan County at the court house some time Saturday, August 24th, and register. There will be but one place of registration, and registration hours will be from 7 o'clock a. m. until 9 o'clock p. m. Men who expect to be absent from home on that day, or who from any other reason will be detained from personal appearance, may register by mail, but these must take care to procure proper cards in advance and prepare and mail them to reach the board on that day.

August 15th. These men will be entrained between the third and seventh of September. Get in touch with your registrants at once so that none may have an excuse for not going. "GIPSON."

Judge C. C. Parker, chairman of the board, makes the following statement to registrants in Class 1:

"The telegram printed above was received by the local board. The language is unmistakable. It can readily be seen that it will be impossible for the local board of Bryan county to recognize any excuses of any nature whatsoever offered for the purpose of holding off until a later date. This means that every Class 1 man in Bryan county should get ready at once to answer this call. This also applies to men called for enlistment for August 26."

The board received official notice Wednesday night that Bryan county's apportionment of the call is for 41 white men qualified for general military service.

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MEN ON GOVERNMENT WORK DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN UP

Stories have gained circulation to the effect that men offering for various kinds of work in the Government plants were required to sign up and be tied to the work the same as a soldier is at the front. The local committee, which is soliciting men to go to work for the Government in Tennessee, authorizes the statement that, while it is desired the men continue on the job until the work is finished, they are only required to remain on the job until the transportation advanced them is repaid.

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J. R. Hannah has purchased the home, at 13th and Main, from E. W. Galloway, and will make that place his home after the first of the coming month.

Labor Opposes Gov. Williams

Leaders Say He is Temperamentally Unfit for Judge; But Senators and Congressmen Stick by Their Endorsement.

Protests against the appointment of Governor Robert L. Williams of Oklahoma as a Federal Judge for the Eastern District of the State have been filed by members of the American Federation of Labor and the United Mine Workers on the ground that the Oklahoma Governor is "temperamentally unfit" to hold the position. The protests were offered to the Department of Justice by Samuel Gompers, Frank Hayes of Indianapolis, president of the United Mine Workers' Union, and by John Willerson of Muskogee, president for Miners' District 21.

No specific objection to Governor Williams' record on labor questions or his treatment of organized labor is offered. It is denied by those familiar with the attitude of the laboring men that his veto of the State School of Mines appropriation or his activity with reference to the terms of mining coal from the lands under the State penitentiary farm at McAlester have anything to do with their objections.

Both Oklahoma Senators and the Oklahoma House members have unanimously endorsed Governor Williams, and they expect to make an appeal to the Department of Justice and to the President in his behalf.

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Wm. G. West, of Company B, of the 142nd Infantry, left Camp Mills, L. I., July 30, and is now safely over there somewhere. Mr. West was associated with the Sevrance Hardware Company before going into this military service.

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